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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"It was decided—
(i) to render assistance to the displaced population even if it involved some extra expenditure;

"(ii) to make extra provision in the estimates for the project to cover the cost of resettling the displaced population; and

"(iii) to put a suitable officer on special duty to study and prepare a detailed scheme for resettlement and to give him some broad instructions on the lines settled at the Conference."

Enforcement of the rules for road safety.

* 44 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps, if any, have been taken to enforce the rules framed under the Madras Road Traffic Code, 1940, for road safety;

(*b*) whether the Government have inaugurated or propose to inaugurate a scheme to educate the public in the rules of the road;

(*c*) whether any provision exists now in the scheme of studies in schools and colleges conveying lessons in the rules of the road;

(*d*) whether statistics of casualties on the roads are maintained, and if so, what the incidence of such accidents have been during the past three years; and

(*e*) what steps, if any, have been taken to prevent further increase in casualties on the roads?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"A pretty long answer, Sir, but it does not contain any statistics.

"(*a*) Mobile Police staff has been appointed in Madras City for detecting and preventing driving offences and also for educating drivers and members of the public in road manners. Necessary motor cycle combinations with loud speaker arrangements have also been sanctioned for the purpose.

"Instructions have been issued to the Police authorities that they should enforce traffic rules strictly to prevent jay walking not necessarily by prosecution but by warning people.

"(*b*) A press note was issued in June 1947 inviting the co-operation of the public in the prevention of road accidents and emphasising the need for better road sense.

"The Government of India have agreed with the conclusion reached at the ninth meeting of the Transport Advisory Council held in November 1946 that safety first propaganda should be directed from the Centre and that the Central Government should draw up plans and provide the services of technical staff for planning campaigns, designing advertisements and posters and writing pamphlets, etc., while leaving the actual implementation of the plans to the Provincial

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Governments. This Government have ratified the decision and requested the Government of India to expedite the plans for the safety first propaganda. The matter is under consideration of the Government of India.

" A proposal is under consideration to print and sell for a nominal price a booklet for the information of the general public containing among other things ordinary rules and regulations for drivers, conductors and passengers.

" (*c*) Lessons on the rules of the road and playing of safety first games are included in the syllabus for elementary schools. The Director of Public Instruction has reported that he would issue instructions to school authorities to organise school patrols to control and direct children in front of schools when going to and coming out of them.

" (*d*) Yes. Statistics are maintained in respect of road accidents resulting in death or injury to persons. Quarterly returns of such accidents involving motor vehicles and annual returns in respect of other vehicles are obtained by Government.

" The number of accidents which resulted in death or injury to persons during the past three years are furnished below so far as they are available :—

1946	1947	1948
2,397	2,346 [a]	3,355 [b]

" (*e*) (1) Instructions have been issued to District Superintendents of Police and Regional Transport Officers to take deterrent action against drivers who are responsible for accidents and to have their licences suspended for long periods."

' (2) Mobile Police parties have been instructed to check and detect offences in the Madras City.

(3) Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for motor vehicles both in built up and congested areas as well as other areas and the Regional Transport Authorities have been instructed to notify such limits and enforce them subject to such lower limits as may be considered necessary in specified localities '."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether according to the figures available the casualties are increasing in the City of Madras compared to the mufassal? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

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a Excludes figures for Cuddapah and Nellore which are not available.

b Figures for all motor vehicles accidents are furnished. The number of persons killed or injured was 2,279. Figures for non-motor vehicles accidents have not been received.

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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the growing number of casualties, will Government to some extent extend such action as they have taken in the City of Madras to the mufassal where there is heavy motor traffic? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" It will be considered subject to financial considerations."

Educational concessions to the children and dependants of the Defence Service personnel.

* 45 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the children and dependants of Defence Service personnel were entitled to educational concessions and if so, what they were;

(*b*) the approximate cost to the Government on account of these educational concessions;

(*c*) whether there has been any change of policy in regard to this and if so, what the change is;

(*d*) whether the whole or a portion of the cost involved was borne by the Government of India; and

(*e*) whether the approval of the Government of India was obtained before making the changes?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes. They are :

' (1) Exemption from tuition and other special items of fees such as fees for medical inspection, use of library, laboratory, etc., in all grades of educational institutions, elementary, secondary and collegiate (arts and professional).

' (2) An allowance for each pupil or student for the purchase of books, etc., on the following scales :—

	Rupees per annum.
Elementary schools.	
Lower elementary standards (Standards I to V).	5
Higher elementary standards (Standards VI to VIII).	10
Secondary schools.	
Primary departments	5
Middle school forms (Forms I to III)	10
High school forms („ IV to VI)	20
Arts colleges.	
Intermediate course	40
Degree course	50
Professional colleges and schools	Actual cost of books purchased.